



# State of South Carolina

## Office of the Governor

MARK SANFORD  
GOVERNOR

Post Office Box 12267  
COLUMBIA 29211

May 28, 2008

The Honorable Robert W. Harrell, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Post Office Box 11867  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

I am vetoing and returning without my approval H. 3906, R-289.

This bill mandates that an out-of-state or overseas dental laboratory employ a dental technician registered in South Carolina if the lab performs dental technological work prescribed by a dentist licensed in this state. Additionally, the bill requires dental laboratories to provide certification of the country where the lab work was performed; a list of materials used to make the device; as well as the name, address, and certificate number of the person or organization authorized to make the device.

This bill is well meaning, but unfortunately South Carolina does not have jurisdiction to enforce this regulation outside of our state which would render it useless. South Carolinians filing complaints against any dental laboratory would submit the complaint to the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. But the agency has no jurisdiction outside South Carolina and has no power to send a "cease and desist" order to a laboratory in Colorado or China. This is likely why this bill would make South Carolina the first state to require out-of-state and overseas dental laboratories with an unenforceable state registration requirement.

In this case, although I support insuring the quality and materials used by dental laboratories, state government is going too far by involving itself where it has no enforceable jurisdiction.

For these reasons, I am vetoing and returning without my approval H. 3906, R-289.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Mark Sanford, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Mark Sanford